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Beach Combings.

Mr Henry Baker captured 24 mullet at one throw of the cast net this week. And they were not small fish either. A good catch.

Mr G. B. Thompson received a large consignment of cypress shingles on Fridays Tarpon from Apalachicola with which he will reshingle his residence.

Mr John Davis, an old resident and prominent citizen of Nixon, died Friday morning last. He was buried at Youngs Saturday afternoon. Rev Parker conducted the services.

Work upon the building of McKenzie Brothers in which is to be installed the bottling works and a meat market, is progressing well, and probably both institutions will be running before another week passes.

The stork visited the residence of Martin G. Post on Sunday leaving a pretty baby girl; who was named Margaret Elizabeth; to cheer the hearts of the parents and grand parents. Mother and child are both doing well.

Rev E. W. Roberts states that owing to Quarterly Conference being held here on June 15th, and 16th, when services will be held here at 11 a. m. on both days, there will not be preaching here next Sunday, June 9th. Sunday school will be held as usual at 3 p. m.

Mr E. W. Masker, St Andrew's popular photographer, made a business visit here Monday afternoon. Mr Masker states that he is doing quite an extensive portrait business, and is also doing much in the way of views. He will soon be equipped with a launch of his own, so that he may go to any point on the Bay where his services may be required.

The Gulf Coast Development Co., have donated a choice lot on the corner of Grace avenue and Fifth street, to the Baptist church, upon which that denomination will at some future time erect a fine church building. Mr R. L. McKenzie states that he will give ten per cent toward the building of the church, cost what it may. Where are the other nine who will do as liberally?

The Gulf beach was visited by many last Sunday who went to see the effects of the gale in hurling the waves on to the beach. The scene was one that is rarely surpassed; the heavy gale of the day bringing on to the shores immense waves, that, breaking would throw the spray high into the air. Messrs. Jenks, Ward, McLellan and Jernigan formed a party who went from Panama City in the launch Leonore.

Our citizens have contributed quite a sum to uniform and equip the base ball boys, and when they receive their outfit the club will make a rather fine appearance. John A. Hogeboom has been elected captain of the team, and Mr G. H. McKenzie is treasurer of the club. Several older boys, such as Rei Hogeboom, Marion Jenks, Oscar McKenzie, and Bob McLellan are giving the young fellows pointers on the game.

As stated last week the PILOT is very anxious to have a regular correspondent at each post office or settlement in the southern part of this county, and along the Peninsula in Calhoun county. In no other way can we weekly lay before our readers at distant points just what advantages we possess, and what is being done here. Every one has more or less influence, and the PILOT wishes to be the medium through which that influence may be felt to the largest extent.

Complaints have been received at this office that some of our subscribers did not receive their papers last week. A copy was placed in the post office here for every subscriber, and they should have reached all points on the Bay not later than Saturday morning. Any one who did not receive a copy will confer a favor by reporting the same to us, and we will furnish a copy of the missing number. This request also applies to all future shortages. The mail service is not that complicated in this section that there need be any delay or loss of mail.

A Bible reading and study is to be instituted by the ladies of St Andrews the initial meeting to be held at the M. E. church at 3 p. m., to-day. Rev. F. Wineman will have charge of the meeting.

Captained by the Rev E. W. Roberts, quite a few of our citizens turned out Tuesday forenoon and cleared off the M. E. church lot. It is a very pretty spot, and the members of this church hope to begin the erection of a parsonage on the lot at once.

Mr Oscar McKenzie and Mr Taylor Poston attended church and Sunday school at St Andrew on Sunday last. On their way thither they ran over a rattlesnake that they affirm was over six feet in length and proportionately large around. As these young men were going to church at the time, the story must be accepted as given.

Mr J. M. Brown, and sons Sam J., and Fletcher, arrived at Panama City this week, and will spend some time here. Mr Brown may conclude to erect a business block upon his lot near the bank corner.



On the Gulf Coast opposite Panama City, Florida

RAILWAY JOTTINGS!

Rapid Progress Made.

Extension of Train Service on the Atlanta & St Andrews B. R. R.

Reports of work being done on the Atlanta & St Andrews Bay R. R. received this week are very encouraging. A good force is at the grading all along the line; the steam shovel is now at the big cut near the lake; ready to begin work there, and rails are being laid daily. Superintendent Domer is right at the front all the time, and pushing the work as fast as it can be hustled.

A "Y" has been put in at Round Lake, and such terminal switches will be completed there this week as will permit of through trains being run from Dothan to that point. It is stated that a regular passenger and freight service will at once be inaugurated, and trains will then run daily between Round Lake and Dothan. That means that we have a railway station some miles nearer here than before, and it is probable that many who have been driving through from lower Alabama and Georgia will hereafter take the train to Round Lake, and a hack from there through. This will shorten the trip considerably.

Railway Cinders.

We clip the following items relative to one our roads from the *Chipley Verdict* of May 31st.

Fifteen flat cars arrived this week for the B. C. & St. A. Ry.

President Gordon of the B. C. & St. A. Ry. took a trip up the L. & N. yesterday to try and find out what has become of the rails for his road now long overdue.

Work on the B. S. & St. A. R. R. continues and it is forging ahead briskly. Some changes have been made in the course formerly laid out on the lower portion of the line, and the engineering corps are now busy locating the new route. A large force of men and teams are employed by those in charge of the grading.

Mr L. F. Miller, of the B. C. & St. A. B. R. R., reached Chipley on Sunday last. His arrival is expected to start active operations again in the construction of the remainder of that road.

Personal.

Mr L. C. Gay, of Gay, was a visitor here Monday.

Mr and Mrs W. H. Parker visited Panama City on Sunday last.

Mr A. J. Gay left on Tuesday for DeFuniak Springs and Chipley.

Mrs M. B. Jenks, of St Andrew was a caller at the PILOT office to day.

E. M. Goodson attended the masonic lodge at Parker on Saturday last.

Mr Dick Lewis representing the Lewis Bear Drug Co., was in town on Tuesday.

Mr David Ward, oculist, visited Panama City, and other Bay points this week.

Mr H. H. Mock has been very ill the past few days. Dr Jansenius has been in attendance.

Mr W. H. Parker was doing some surveying for Mr Charles Bracken on Tuesday of this week.

Mr J. J. Ward made a flying trip to Farmdale and East bay points in Capt Deshazos launch on Tuesday.

Mr G. B. Faulk, B. Faulk, and two sons, of Dothan, Ala., were visitors at Panama City, this week Tuesday.

Mrs. G. H. McKenzie spent Tuesday evening at St Andrews, the guest of Mrs Drummond and Mrs Z. V. Porter.

Mr W. H. Parker, of Parker, was in town Monday. Yesterday he was engaged surveying on R. M. Bakers property, on the beach, just west of Panama City.

Mrs W. W. Green is having a very neat fence built along the beach front of the Panama City Hotel. This improvement will add much to the beauty of the place.

Mr Ernest Wood, chief engineer of the A. & St A. B. R. R. came into town last evening. He is doing some work on this end of the line this week.

The Alabama Brenau, at Eufaula, closed its yearly term May 29th, and Miss Alla Juanita Green of our city, who has been in attendance the past year, is expected home within a few days.

Mr W. H. Priest, General Manager Southern Timber Co., of Vicksburg, Fla., Mr D. M. Dismuke, Secretary and Treasurer Southern Timber Co., Vicksburg, Fla., Mr J. H. Davis, Vice President, Southern Timber Co., Dawson, Ga., Mr Savage, Timber Foreman, for the Sale-Davis Co., and Mr Tom Garvin, of Anderson, Fla., spent last Sunday here with Mr R. L. McKenzie, at the Panama City Hotel.

Cromanton.

Mr and Mrs J. N. Forbes left on the Tarpon, last Friday, for a visit at their old home in Hornell, N. Y. This is their first return to that point since their coming to this place from there over 20 years ago.

Mr Hallett was at this place Saturday and Sunday taking pictures. This is his second trip here and he is not through yet. He intends to come over next week again.

Bathing is a great sport here. Our beach front is noted for its cleanliness and magnificent extent.

Mr Will Railsback who is now running the North Bay mail boat, was here Sunday visiting his home folks.

Messrs Fenters, Hodge, and Spicer, all of the steamer J. P. Williams, came home for Sunday.

Rev F. Wineman will begin a series of meetings here next Sunday, June 9th, to last as long as interest may continue.

Mr E. Ayars reports having ripe peaches and tomatos at his home place on Pearl Bayou, Sunday last.

As I saw a very cordial invitation in the PILOT for correspondents, I will give a little news from Cromanton.

After the services Mr C. Forbes took a small party to St Andrew in his pretty little launch the "Usay." Needless to say the afternoon passed all too soon.

Mrs Bates entertained a very few of her friends at luncheon at her beautiful home to-day in honor of her birthday. Every one pronounced her a delightful hostess. May she live to enjoy many happy returns.

The entire family connection of Mrs Kinney enjoyed a reunion at her home last Sunday, where a picture of her was made, with her children and grand children gathered around her.

Last Thursday the people of this place celebrated Decoration Day. The program consisted of songs, recitations and addresses by the soldiers. The school children deserve much credit. The grave of the one soldier resting there was lovingly remembered by many beautiful floral tributes.

Success and long life to our breezy little paper the PILOT. Come along correspondents and lets help to make it the best paper in the South.

Port News.

Mr Lew Wright expects to make a trial trip with the Monarch on Saturday.

The Cleo, Capt Ware, with Wes Gwaltney and McDonald left on Thursday last for Pensacola.

The Lucy H. in charge of Capt C. Anderson left on Monday for Pensacola, loaded with naval stores.

The Martha Lillian, Capt. Hasselburg, left on Tuesday for the snapper banks and from there goes to Mobile.

Capt Frank Witherill took a load of lumber in the Leonore, from Millville, to Dr Booths, at Gay, on Tuesday last.

Mr Frank Menge shipped on the Lucy H. last week. Owing to the storm Saturday evening and Sunday the boat did not get away until the fore part of this week.

The tug Simpson with a barge loaded with brick and machinery, for the German American Lumber Cos mill, at Millville, came in Tuesday morning. It started back to Pensacola with a barge of lumber Wednesday forenoon.

The Tarpon arrived from Apalachicola at noon Friday, and left at 5 p. m. for Pensacola. East bound it arrived at 3 p. m. yesterday, getting away late in the evening for Apalachicola. They had a full cargo of miscellaneous freight.

The U. S. Coast Survey steamer Hydrographer came into the bay at 1 p. m. to-day and anchored off Buena Point. We were unable to learn her mission here, but trust that it may be in connection with a re-survey of this Bay.

St Andrew.

One of yesterdays arrivals on the Tarpon was Mr Eisenberg, a traveling man.

Miss Ethel Brainard went to Vernon Saturday last to attend the teachers examination.

Mr T. A. Hutchinson of Bonifay has been stopping with Mr B. F. Thompson the past week.

Mr W. W. Whidden and wife of Dothan have been stopping with Mr B. F. Thompson for some time past.

Mrs J. R. Thompson returned from a visit at the old homestead at Eronfina, on Wednesday evening of last week.

Miss Forrester is home from school at Tallahassee, accompanied by a young lady friend. They came on the Tarpon yesterday.

Mrs Russel, son and daughter, and Mr Gray, from Blakely, Oa., are stopping at the Annex. They expect to remain two or three weeks.

Mr Daniel and Mr Kelly, of Marianna, arrived this week and are preparing places for others of their people who will soon be here.

Miss Young goes to Vernon this week as a member of the examining committee at the annual examination by the county superintendent of schools.

Mrs John Milton, Jr., and children, and Mrs J. N. Crigler, and children, of Marianna, are expected at Old Town ere long, for their summer sojourn on the Bay.

Mr and Mrs F. A. Witherill entertained a small party at cards on Friday evening, in honor of Mrs A. A. Wright and two sons. A very enjoyable time was had.

Mr and Mrs L. M. Ware have the sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their baby, born on Monday last. We are pleased to report that Mrs Ware is recovering nicely.

The Marianna paper states that Mrs Slaughter and daughter Gladys; Mr and Mrs S. A. Daffin and baby; and the Misses Susie and Anna Watson had left for the Bay. They will probably reach here to-day.

Mr John Harper, of Chipley, came in on last nights mail boat from Bay Head to remain a day or so. He will return within a few weeks with his family, and build a residence on the lot just east of the old sanitarium property.

A week ago to-day Capt Bert Ware, with the Martha Lillian, took a party of St Andrews people out to the snapper banks for a days sport. The fishing was all that could be desired, and the catch amounted to about 400 fish weighing nearly a ton. One 132 pound warsaw was among the number. This was caught by Mr. Forrester. A fine time was had and Chef Bradshaw served up a generously good lunch. The crew consisted of Capt. Hasselburg, Paul Mellieu, Tom Burke, Roy Ecker, and Rod Wilcox, while those with Capt. Bert were Messrs. Ed. Day, T. Wilcox, Sam Surber, C. C. Clarkson, J. B. Forrester, and Leatherwood.

Mr Bert Ware has the credit of growing the first watermelons which have ripened hereabouts to our knowledge. Bert has a fine garden, and we have seen some very choice vegetables which were grown therein.

Quite a number of our young men went to St Andrew last evening to institute an Epworth League. Owing to some of the blanks and printing matter failing to arrive the starting of the League was postponed until next Sunday at 3:30 p. m., when a meeting for that purpose will be held in the Methodist church at St Andrew. All are cordially invited to attend.

Among those stopping at the Panama City hotel this week we noted Mr Ben Hancock, of Welles Kahn Co. Pensacola; Mr R. O. Hancock, representing a Mobile drug firm; Mr Belcher, of the Diamond Food Co., Chicago; two representatives of Swift & Co., Chicago; and Mr Lester representing a hardware and mill supply Co. of Mobile.

The Panama City Real Estate Co., have been appointed local agents for the Florida Life Insurance Co. They will also soon have a good line of Fire Insurance Companies, and then the people around the bay can obtain fire or life insurance without going to the trouble and expense that they have had to heretofore. Step by step we get into line, and each week adds something to our growth and development.